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Dockets Management Branch - (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fisher Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Docket no: 98N-1038

Gentlemen:

As you are seeking public comment on whether to change the labeling of irradiated food products and, since I want to protect my right to choose the food I consume, I am glad to give my comments. I expect mandatory, clear labeling of irradiated foods. Misleading terms like "cold pasteurization" should not be used. Additionally, strict labeling requirements should not expire in the future.

Labeling on food products is simple. It's supposed to accurately describe what's inside the package so that you can decide whether or not you want to eat it. Since the food inside the package has been irradiated, it has changed, and is a mutation of what it was before irradiation. I feel it is my right to know this.

I feel that in this age of "food as business", the American public certainly cannot rely on those who produce their food to protect them and, since we have no agency that impartially oversees food production, we are left to safeguard ourselves from the "foods" that are being presented. The abuse, manipulation and contamination of our food products, waters, lands and food animals has been allowed to escalate to the extent that it's hard to find a pure food product. Has anyone thought to compel the food industry to completely clean up their processes?

Please, at least give us the right to read on the package what they have done to the food with nothing withheld and nothing misleading. If they are given permission to alter food, they must tell us! I do not want to be part of an involuntary experiment and I want to maintain my right to choose what goes into my body.


When it comes time to make your decision, it might be helpful for you to mentally step out of "present time" and move yourself into the future to take a look-see at what you have caused and have brought to it. You are encouraged to be courageous. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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